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KUCHING: A building housing a lecture theatre at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) campus near here was destroyed in a fire early yesterday morning.

A security guard at the campus spotted smokes bellowing from the building, and when he realised that there was a fire, he immediately contacted the Fire and Rescue Services Department.

The department received the distress call at about 4.50am and 15 firefighters and two fire engines from Kota Samarahan and Tabuan Jaya fire stations were dispatched to the campus.

The fire was brought under control at about 5.36am and no injuries were reported.

According to Kota Samarahan fire station chief, Bujang Juman, the cause of fire is still under investigation.

It was suspected that a short circuit had triggered the fire at the building which was constructed in 1993.

Meanwhile, the incident had affected eight lectures yesterday which had to be conducted at other venues at the campus. Besides that, all the papers and documents for the lectures had been destroyed in the fire.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs and Alumni Professor Mohd Fadzil Abdul Rahman said the university was still waiting from the result of the investigation into the fire.

He added that the university would apply for a new building to replace the one that was razed.